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Lorna Gonsalves-Pinto
University Director of Diversity Initiatives

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Artists come to BG

2 ceramics masters showcase their abilities

By CARRIE DAMSCHRODER
The BG News

Working their minds and hands, ceramics artists Jun Kaneko and Peter Voulkos are at the University this week demonstrating their skills.

The ceramics and monoprint workshop began Monday and continues through Saturday. A slide lecture will be presented tonight at 7 p.m. in Olscamp Hall, room 111.

The workshop is sponsored by the Student Ceramics Organization and the Medici Circle, an

alumni group. John Balisteri, a ceramics instructor, was responsible for bringing the two artists to BGSU.

Kaneko, originally from Japan, traveled to Bowling Green from Nebraska and Voulkos hails from California. Both are known worldwide. Voulkos is the number one ceramics artist in the nation.

Throughout the week students have been observing Kaneko making art, particularly dongs.

According to Ree Schonlau, from the artist residency program in Omaha, Neb., dongs

are Japanese small dumplings. However, these are not small pieces of artwork because they stand about five to six feet tall.

Voulkos has also been busy creating large plates that are "earthy and very gutsy."

Ceramics students at the University are very excited about Kaneko and Voulkos' visiting. They hope to learn and be inspired by them.

"The artists will be making their work, while others look on to get tips and inspiration," John Zimmerman, president of the

● See CERAMICS, page eight.



BG News/KEVIN VOORHEES

Jun Kaneko practices his craft at the ceramics workshop.

Students advise faculty

STUDENTSPEAK project works to improve relations

By BRANDI BARHITE
The BG News

Three University students are creating a booklet for faculty that will provide suggestions on enhancing the classroom environment.

Roschell Ashley, Gabriel Marquez and Afwandi Shumann recently implemented their project STUDENTSPEAK with the help of Lorna Gonsalves-Pinto, University director of diversity initiatives. The booklet will consist of suggestions from University students on how to improve the student/teacher relationship at BGSU.

"The goal of STUDENTSPEAK is to allow a safe avenue for students to share their concerns, but also to recommend possible resolutions to their issues that they are addressing," Ashley, a senior gerontology major, said.

Ashley said the idea to improve the dialogue between faculty and students is not a new initiative, but just a more aggressive attempt to improve the situation. She believes a bet-

ter dialogue would help the University become a premiere learning environment.

"One of the University's core values is cooperation, which means working together," she said. "As a result of STUDENTSPEAK, students want to work with faculty to enhance teaching styles."

Gonsalves-Pinto, who is overseeing the project said the project was started because the STUDENTSPEAK team wanted to encourage students to freely exchange ideas.

She said they went to great lengths to present this project as an initiative that is seeking students' ideas about what works and what needs to be improved in BGSU's classrooms.

"STUDENTSPEAK is not about complaining and it is not only about issues of race," she said. "Instead it is a forum for all students to provide feedback about positive and negative experiences they have had in the classroom."

She said the students are hoping that STUDENTSPEAK

will open channels for communication between faculty members and students; and that the students' insights will contribute to creating better teacher/student relations.

Since the implementation of the project, the University has expressed its interest in the booklet. In a show of support, the Senate Executive Committee recently endorsed the project.

Veronica Gold, chair of Faculty Senate, said diversity is an important factor in higher education and believes STUDENTSPEAK will be an effective way to educate faculty.

"The booklet will not be a collection of complaints, but principles and guidelines established by students for faculty," she said.

She believes the booklet has the potential to serve as a constant reference for the University.

Thus far, many students have sent in suggestions for the booklet. Ashley said the responses have been centered

around several common themes that will allow faculty to take steps to improve student intellectual growth.

Gonsalves-Pinto said only a few students have expressed uncertainty about the project.

"Some students have expressed skepticism, but others feel that STUDENTSPEAK is a great way to channel information to teachers," she said. "While individuals are responding, students hope that more student organizations will become actively involved in supporting the project."

The STUDENTSPEAK team is asking that students e-mail them specific suggestions with an example to illustrate their main point. They can be reached at rashley@bgnnet.bgsu.edu, gabi@bgnnet.bgsu.edu and afwandi@bgnnet.bgsu.edu. The responses can also be sent to 305A McFall Center. The responses should be limited to 50 words.

NATO calls for airstrikes

From wire reports

NATO leaders ordered airstrikes against Yugoslavia Tuesday. It is not known when the operations will begin.

"All efforts to achieve a negotiated, political solution to the Kosovo crisis having failed, no alternative is open but to take military action," NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana told reporters in Brussels, Belgium.

The decision came after a last-ditch effort by special American envoy Richard Holbrooke, who conducted several hours of talks with Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to no avail Monday night and Tuesday.

More than 2,000 people have died and hundreds of thousands have been driven from their homes in nearly 13 months of conflict in Kosovo, a southern province of Serbia, the main republic in Yugoslavia.

More than 90 percent of Kosovo's 2 million inhabitants are ethnic Albanians and most want independence, a solution that Milosevic has rejected.

For in-depth coverage, see World and Nation, page four.

Alumni network lobbies for higher education

By VINCE GUERRIERI
The BG News

A network of University alumni has been formed to lobby the Ohio legislature in the interests of the University and higher education in general.

Last fall, Larry Weiss, the new director for government affairs, began to assemble the statewide network of legislative advocates to communicate support of higher education. There are already more than 60 advocates throughout the state, but Weiss hopes for more.

"Our goal is to have legislative advocates in every district," Weiss said.

The largest concentration of alumni is in the Cleveland area. But while there are many advocates throughout Cuyahoga, Lake and Lorain counties, there are no legislative advocates in the city of Cleveland. Weiss is also hoping the dormant alumni chapter in Cincinnati will be revived.

"Now all of a sudden, we'll have a legislative voice across the state," Weiss said.

Weiss said the network will

provide a strong and targeted campaign toward legislators.

Advocates recently received a training manual, and with the biannual budget being drafted, their voice will soon be heard.

"They will be getting into action before long," Weiss said.

Several state legislators have already heard from the same University alumni who are now advocates.

The idea of a network of advocates originated in the early 1990s, while Phil Mason was the vice-president of university advancement.

Dr. Thomas Stellers of Youngstown was one of the original alumni involved with the program, which ultimately fell by the wayside as Mason became involved with a sexual harassment scandal, which was ultimately settled out of court.

"I was involved seven years ago when they had an abortive effort," Stellers said. "Phil Mason got into his trouble, and the whole thing died."

Stellers kept in contact with his legislators, including state Senator Bob Hagan and Representative Ron Gerberry.

"Several of us maintained contact with our legislatures," he said. "We tried to do what we could, not just for BG, but for higher education in general."

State Rep. Randy Gardner (R-4), who represents Wood County, said he had already heard from many University alumni during the state's efforts to revise school funding. He said advocates show a greater involvement in governmental affairs.

"That helps raise the awareness across the state," Gardner

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Getting out the vote



BG News Photo/MATTHEW MILLER

Students line up to vote at the USG election booth located between the Union and Eppler Tuesday. Students can still vote through today.

Luncheon highlights top female mentors, teachers

By SARAH DELANEY
The BG News

The Women's Center will be filled with some of the University's most valued professors and mentors today as it hosts the brown bag luncheon "Bring Your Favorite Female Professor/Mentor to Lunch."

Mary Krueger, director of the Women's Center, said this is the first time such an event has been held at the University, but it probably won't be the last.

"We want to make it a tradition, part of the culture, so students start to think about who they would bring ahead of time

every year," she said.

According to Krueger, the response to this event has been great.

"It was slow at the beginning, but in the last week the traffic has been pretty intense," she said. "We've got an incredible array of people from all over campus coming, and I find that really encouraging."

Two of those people are Brian Niedzwiecki, a senior social-humanitarianism major, and his favorite female professor, Martha Terrie Mazzarella.

Niedzwiecki said he selected Mazzarella because of her care

and concern for her students and her help in advising him.

"She's done so much for me that I can't express it in words," he said. "She helped me pick a major and figure out what classes I needed for my degree. She's also very welcoming. Sometime I go to her office just to say hello."

In addition to this, Niedzwiecki said Mazzarella is really inspiring as a teacher and a person.

At the brown bag luncheon Niedzwiecki will get a chance to tell Mazzarella how much of an

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Opinion

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letter

In regards to the Art Therapy program being dropped, I want to thank Michael Franklin, Carol Coder, Dawn Knez and Randall James for helping me make my dream become a reality. I am one of the 84 students that will be able to graduate from BGSU in Art Therapy. This is an honor. Many great students have carefully selected Bowling Green State University because of our art therapy program. This program has gained national recognition for its excellence, high standards and students. I am proud to be a part of this program and sad to know that this program is being phased out.

Art therapists are making huge changes in this world through more than just the implementation of art in our culture and society inside clinical, educational and caregiving settings. Volunteer sites and graduate schools have voiced disappointment in this decision. Jennifer Fetterman was right when she said there are not many undergraduate schools that offer this as a program. Also, Dean Clyde Willis, let me tell you something, you are wrong. This program has much to offer to its students as an undergraduate degree. I could become an activities director anywhere, run art-based programs, assist therapists and counselors or go on to graduate school for art therapy, counseling, psychology, social work, education, etc.

I have made the choice to continue to learn and grow in the direction of graduate school in art therapy. I believe I am well prepared for this adventure and will succeed in the highest of my class because of my training at BGSU. In my opinion, no combination of art and psychology classes can compare to my learning about art therapy as I have received through this program. Much of my learning happened within a close classroom of students and teachers. But much of my learning also happened outside the classroom. It happened inside my art; in my own personal experience of using the art as a vehicle for my thoughts, words and emotions. Because of the structure of this program and the environment our class creates within this program, I was able to access that experience and become fully aware of it in my life.

I am sorry this University is losing such a great program. I also hope the students in this program will hold onto what we have learned here and have the power to pass it on to those we will become involved with in our lives beyond our experience here at BGSU. Again, thank you Michael Franklin, for creating this powerful and wonderful program for all of us and for me. Thank you Carol Coder, for being an inspirational source during many of my difficult periods in my educational struggles. Thank you Dawn Knez, for showing me what integrity is about, for helping me find my light and remaining open. Thank you Randall James, for coming here when our hopes almost faded and for standing beside our program to the end.

Shannon Cramer

Senior

Art Therapy

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Naming practices indicate sexism

Who is this? Can you tell without those 13 letters that identify me? (I'm known as Natalie Miller by most folks).

Your name is your identity. You are judged on it. Your gender and ethnicity can be indicated by it. It is how people know you when you call them, write them or someone talks about you. Our names are important to our individual identities.

But yet one half of the population has been giving up their names (and symbolically, submerging their identities) to take on the names of the other half. Yes, this common practice of adopting the man's name when a man and woman marry has been a social practice for centuries. The very practical purpose of this is to identify the woman as part of her new family. When married, the woman (often a girl still) would leave her family and join her husband's. Sometimes she never saw her biological family again.

But now that marriage and family customs have changed, why hasn't this practice? Men and women marry each other and create a new family. Husbands symbolically become as much a part of the woman's family as she does his.

I think much of the reluctance to change this tradition is that it's complicated and challenges many sacred assumptions. Tradition is often easier to follow. But I do not think that women today



automatically assume they will change their names. They might at least consider hyphenating with their husband's or keep theirs.

Many complications come with name-changing.

If you are a professional, people will not recognize your changed name.

If you both keep your names, what will you call your kids?

If you get divorced, you will have to keep the name of the person.

The argument that people will still know who you are is a double-edged one. The people that matter, such as your family, will know that you are Joe's wife, even if you keep your own name. Your neighbors will know, and the people you work with will know. Because people know the relationship, this indicates that your name can be whatever. Names are arbitrary. Your identity is not.

Names often are tied to family lineage and heritage. By taking the male's name, we are implicitly

ing that their family is more important. I've found that names in my family have changed extensively through the generations.

My point here is that surnames have changed a great deal. Immigrants and refugees have often changed their names to avoid discrimination. So the argument that tradition is a good reason for women, but not men, to change their names is unfounded.

Naming practices need to be reflective of what's going on in our culture, not stagnant because we can't think of anything else. I feel this practice of assumed patrilineage is based on extremely sexist ideals and should be changed to be more reflective of egalitarian marriage.

Why do women have to be the ones to change their names? Mention changing names to a guy and his likely response will be "no way." Mostly because he never had to think about what he was going to do with his name when he got married. Men have that luxury.

Attitudes are relaxed enough now that I don't think keeping my name or hyphenating or using my name as a middle name is odd. What I really want is for my husband to join my family as symbolically as I join his. But what kind of hassles would my husband get for changing his name? How complicated would it be to make a

new name?

Peer groups and policies inhibit this type of thinking. Tradition may be easier, but it's not reflective of our marriage habits and social progress. If it's so easy to just change your name, then why are men so reluctant to do it?

This issue is deeply reflective of the differences between the sexes. Sexist attitudes are reflected in this practice of placing men's heritage and identity as dominant. Is marriage a partnership or a takeover?

This is an example of how men can put their actions where their mouth is. Pronouncing equality is not just for when it works out to your advantage. Consider taking her name, put it in your name, hyphenate your name and the males take your name (at least it would be random). Make up a new name. Make yourself a little bit uncomfortable. The principle is more important than the practicality.

If you look at this issue logically, I think you can see that there are conflicts and contradictions. I do not know what the answer is for everyone. But I do know that we must examine the roots of this practice and decide what is the fairest way to proceed.

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Jewelry shopping leads to disappointment

Andy Shotwell

Guest Columnist

After my recent trip to the mall, I had some social and economic insights. They were insights about a certain market in particular: women's jewelry. Jewelry stores prey on the weak, and by the weak, of course, I mean men. I was looking for a one-year anniversary gift for my girlfriend. Society has decided that jewelry is what you give for one-year anniversaries (it must be a conspiracy).

Now I need to digress for a moment to speak on men looking for jewelry. I, as well as most men, would rather slap my face down on a barbecue grill than shop around for women's jewelry. I simply want to get out of the mall as quickly as possible with some miscellaneous precious stone that will break my girlfriend down to tears of joy.

Anyway, the first thing I noticed is that the salespeople, mostly older women, will completely ignore a college guy. They assume that I'm not going to spend much, and, after all, if I care about my girlfriend I will wait. Eventually, I was forced to whip out a wad of money and slap it on the counter. Surprisingly (this is called sarcasm), the jewel hags came sprinting over to me when they realized I wanted to spend a small fortune on their shiny little rocks. In fact, they became so extremely concerned about making my girlfriend happy that they would not let me leave the store to shop

around, because, and I quote, "that would be a big mistake because she would look beautiful in this necklace." Now, they haven't even seen my girlfriend, and I don't think anyone would look pretty in the gaudy piece of trash they were desperately trying to get me to purchase. The salespeople prey on people like me.

The second thing I noticed is that in every jewelry store, without exception, everything is on sale. What an amazing advertising ploy: entire store 25-70 percent off. What they fail to tell you is that they jack up the price so high that the sale price is still a rip off. But some men, not those highly trained in economics like me (some more sarcasm), feel like they are getting a deal. Don't tell me advertising doesn't work. Spending \$150 on some stones is a lot easier when the salespeople tell you that you would have spent \$200 if the deals weren't so spectacular.

On an economic note, the third thing I found interesting about the market for jewelry is

that, if the consumer does define the market, it is definitely not defined by people like me. The producers of women's jewelry do not make necklaces with three sapphires, they all have five or six. You simply can't buy a sapphire necklace for under \$100. I went to about 10 stores, believe me you just can't. Plus, the necklaces for \$100 are hideous, and you know they're bad if I can tell. To get a decent looking necklace you have to pay about \$130-\$150.

It reminded me of a conversation about the funeral industry we had in my economics class. For those of you who aren't blessed enough to be in my economics class, the basics of the discussion was that funeral homes can overcharge for caskets and other services because they sell to mourning families, when money is the last thing on their minds. An example would be convincing a family to pay for the most expensive casket because, "they loved their deceased family member so much." Well, jewelry is very similar. Jewelry stores ask the question, "what's an extra \$60 if it's going to make the person you love happy?" Jewelry stores prey on the emotion of love like the funeral industry takes advantage of people's mourning.

I found all of this interesting, so I asked the only expert I know, my dad. Now before you stop reading, know that he is a geologist who knows everything

about every rock you can name (I'll give you his phone number if you want to try him). What he told me is that precious stones, like rubies, emeralds, sapphires and diamonds are not nearly as scarce as you might think. The market for precious stones is regulated, to ensure that prices are kept high.

I wish I could say that after I noticed all of this I resisted the urge to buy her jewelry and found an alternative extremely sensitive gift. But, alas, not only did I buy a necklace, I bought earrings too. Because after all, "what's an extra \$60 if it's going to make the person you love happy?" On a humorous note, I did receive a free gift. After spending enough money to feed a small country for a year, Kay's Jewelers threw in a 99 cent can of jewelry cleaner free of charge. A warranty however, would have cost me an extra \$20.

Oh, did my girlfriend like the \$205 worth of jewelry? Did she look lovingly into my eyes and cry tears of joy? Funny you should ask. She looked into my eyes and coldly said, "I thought you'd get me a ring." Needless to say I am no longer with her, but that subject will have to be left for my next submission to The BG News.

Andy Shotwell is a guest columnist. He can be reached at shotwel@bgnet.bgsu.edu.

Another disaster to avoid

It is a tragedy which is rarely discussed. One which has probably affected nearly everyone on this campus. A tragedy which can even go by unnoticed, causing suffering and humiliation to its victims.

The tragedy doesn't even have a name - it's a taboo subject. We all pretend it doesn't happen, but it does.

I'm talking about the melted-chocolate-in-the-pocket syndrome.

I never thought it would happen to me; I thought I was different. But I too fell prey to the forgotten candy bar.

I'll spare you the terrible, gruesome details. Suffice to say, I was peeling toffee

and chocolate off my sweater, scooping it out of my pocket, and dislodging it from my wallet. It was not a pretty sight; in fact, it's a sight that is downright intolerable to kind-hearted souls like myself. Tears welled in my eyes as I bid the greasy remains a tender farewell; the Skör bar had not even survived long enough to be completely consumed.

Such a tragic waste of caffeine and cocoa bean ... I can only hope that this tragedy never strikes me again, and that you readers out there will be lucky enough to avoid it.

Remember: a melted candy bar is a sad, sad little candy bar. Be safe.

USELESS FACT



THE CANDY BAR "BABY RUTH" WAS SUPPOSEDLY NAMED FOR GROVER CLEVELAND'S ILLEGITIMATE DAUGHTER RUTH. AND NOT BABE RUTH THE BASEBALL PLAYER.

We'll start asking people their predictions on midget wrestling tournaments and the like soon ... A good way to avert this disappointing and mind-numbing boringness would be to give us suggestions on interesting or tough questions to ask the students of BGSU. Remember, only you can prevent forest fires. Or boring questions.

PEOPLE on the street

Who is your favorite female professor? Why?



Dana Lamberjack
Senior
Special Ed.
"Judy Vandenbroek. She makes class very interesting and fun."



Jill Olthuse
Junior
English Ed.
"M.C. Harper. She was the most challenging professor here at BGSU."



Nick Pleghaar
Sophomore
Biology/Pre-Med.
"Dr. Snively. Her positive attitude towards chemistry - she makes it fun."



Rachel Ruggles
Freshman
Psych./Criminal Justice
"Marie Saddlemyre. She helped me a lot and is a really good teacher."



Heidi Kosterman
Junior
Elementary Ed.
"Judy Vandenbroek. She taught me a lot about education ... She's one of the best professors I've ever had."

* People on the street is intended as an unscientific sample of the student population. Anyone desperately hoping to be in this feature may find it profitable to hang around the student union around, say, seven-ish. But you didn't hear it here

UPCOMING events

All these campus events and more can be found on the University website: www.events.bgsu.edu

Wednesday 3/24/99

1:30 p.m.

Violence, Gender and Drinking in the Early National United States

Presented by Scott C. Martin, Associate Professor of History and ICS Scholar in Residence. This talk exam-

ines the role of domestic violence in shaping temperance reform and gender ideology. Event is free and open to the public. For more information, call The Institute for the Study of Culture and Society at 419/372-0585, State Room, Student Union.

5 p.m.

Women

Graduate

Students Support Group

Looking for a space to renew and re-energize? Take an hour out of your hectic schedule once a week and drop by the Women's Center for rejuvenation and discussion. Last week we discussed time management, how to work with your dissertation committee, and balancing having a social life with academic demands. Join us one week or every week. 107 Hanna Hall.

8 p.m.

Sophocles' Antigone

Elsewhere Theatre Production. Adapted by Bertolt Brecht, translated by Judith Malina. Antigone's ancient strength continues to invoke hope in boundless human potential. Elsewhere

TBA

Sorority Row Parking

Spot Raffle

Would you like your own numbered parking spot in the sorority row faculty lot? Buy a raffle ticket and win

the spot for a month! Tickets will be available for \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Drawing will be held Mar. 26 and the winner will "own" the spot from Mar. 29 to April 29. Proceeds will benefit Dance Marathon and the Children's Miracle Network. To purchase tickets contact Aaron (419/372-2071) or Sean (419/372-8092)!! Phi Mu House.

WEATHER

TODAY
Mostly Cloudy.
HIGH: 47 LOW: 33

TOMORROW
Partly Cloudy.
HIGH: 43 LOW: 27

Today ... variable cloudiness. High 45 to 50. Northwest wind 10 to 20 mph.

Tonight ... partly cloudy. Low in the mid 20s.

Thursday ... partly cloudy. High near 40.

Cloudiness is tolerable. Just keep in mind that spring has sprung, and it's sure to get warmer soon.

labret

•/LAY-bret/• (noun)

An ornament, as of wood, shell, or stone, worn by some primitive peoples in a perforation of the lip.

Example: To one-up all her "alternative" friends, Leigh decided to buy a labret just like one she saw in National Geographic.

Labret comes from the Latin "labrum," meaning lip.

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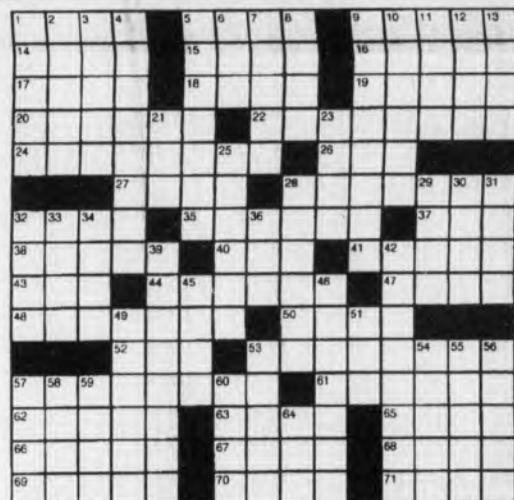
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WEDNESDAY

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HBO	Movie: *** Masterminds (1997, Suspense)	Patrick Stewart, PG-13	Movie: *** White Men Can't Jump (1992) Woody Harelson, R	Oz "The Routine" (R) (In Stereo)	Tenacious D	Private Dicks						
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TNT	Due South "Pilot"		ER "Last Call" (In Stereo)	Movie: *** Chasers (1994) Two sailors escort a sultry captive to prison.	Movie: *** Fatal Beauty (1987, Drama)	Whoopi Goldberg, Sam Elliott						
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NATO calls airstrikes on Kosovo

The Associated Press

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — NATO's secretary-general ordered airstrikes against Yugoslavia on Tuesday, after President Slobodan Milosevic rebuffed a last-ditch peace offer for Kosovo and revved up his war machine by declaring a state of emergency.

In Washington, President Clinton sought — and got — support from Congressional leaders for military action and gave a scathing description of Milosevic's treatment of ethnic Albanians in Kosovo.

"If you don't stand up to brutality and the killing of innocent civilians, you invite them to do more," Clinton said.

NATO chief Javier Solana did not say when attacks would start, but more than 400 aircraft from allied nations stood ready to begin bombing within days or hours. Half a dozen U.S. Navy ships were ready to launch cruise missiles.

"We must stop an authoritarian regime from repressing its people in Europe at the end of the 20th century. We have a moral duty to do so. The responsibility is on our shoulders and we will fulfill it," Solana said in Brussels, Belgium.

Citing an "imminent threat of war," Yugoslavia declared a nationwide state of emergency — the first since World War II — and began a massive mobilization of troops and equipment to keep its grip on Kosovo, a southern province where heavily armed government troops have been battling ethnic Albanian separatists for over a year.

Yugoslavia's defense minister, Pavle Bulatovic, said early Wednesday that the country's



The Associated Press

A Spanish war plane takes off from the Aviano NATO airbase in northern Italy. Attempts by the U.S. and NATO to come to a peace deal with Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic failed Tuesday, and airstrikes against Yugoslavia are imminent.

army and police units have already been dispersed to avoid casualties during NATO airstrikes.

Belgrade authorities urged residents to go about their business normally Wednesday, and said schools, public transportation and other services would be working.

"We will keep monitoring the situation as it develops and inform the citizens of what they should do," a member of the city council, Dragan Covic, told the independent radio station B-92.

After two days of fruitless talks in Belgrade, U.S. envoy Richard Holbrooke flew Tuesday night to NATO headquarters in Brussels, where he briefed

Solana and ambassadors from the 19 NATO nations.

Milosevic, he said, had not agreed to any of the measures the allies were seeking to bring peace.

"He has chosen a path whose consequences he fully understands by rejecting our reasonable, rational requests and suggestions," a somber Holbrooke told CNN.

Solana emerged from the meeting with the NATO leadership and announced he had directed NATO commander Gen. Wesley Clark to launch an air operation.

"All efforts to achieve a negotiated, political solution to the Kosovo crisis having failed, no

alternative is open but to take military action," Solana said.

Clinton met top lawmakers at the White House, apparently to secure their support for military action. Lawmakers said later that airstrikes could come as early as Tuesday night — but poor weather was being forecast for Yugoslavia on Wednesday, a factor that may affect the timing of NATO strikes.

Late Tuesday, the Senate voted 58 to 41 approving the decision to launch airstrikes.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair laid out the case for action earlier Tuesday to the House of

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GENOCIDE

Annan asks for inquiry into U.N. activities

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Secretary-General Kofi Annan has proposed an independent inquiry into U.N. actions before and during the 1994 genocide that killed more than 500,000 people in Rwanda.

The United Nations has been blamed for helping contribute to the slaughter for not having warned about the potential for the genocide and not doing enough once it was under way.

Annan, who was head of U.N. peacekeeping operations at the time, said in a letter that "questions continue to surround the actions of the United Nations" immediately before and during the crisis.

The letter, obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press, asked the Security Council to support an independent inquiry.

The current president of the 15-member council, China's U.N. Ambassador Qin Huasun, said he would respond by Thursday.

UNIVERSITIES

Prospective students feel like numbers

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Who says that students who go to big colleges get treated impersonally, like they're just numbers?

Truman Bradley, of Boulder, Colo., for one.

The parents of Bradley, a prospective Arizona State University student, recently got a letter from the school that began: "Congratulations on 987-65-4321's admission." (The number used in this story has been changed.)

The letter, addressed to Truman's father, Jeff Bradley, added that as a parent "you will be a partner with the university in encouraging 987-65-4321 to succeed."

The father's reply: "Thank you for offering our son, 987-65-4321, or as we affectionately refer to him around the house — 987 — a position in the ASU class of 2003. His mother, 123-45-6MOM, and I are very happy..."

Tim Desch, director of undergraduate admissions, said the impersonal letter was a glitch in a batch of several thousand letters sent to prospective students.

In the first five, the computer picked up the student's Social Security number instead of the name. Those were have been discarded but inadvertently were mailed, Desch said.

"We don't know how it happened," he said.

The mother of at least one other prospective student informed the school that she'd received such a letter, said Desch. He could not recall her name.



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Commons: "We must act to save thousands of innocent men, women and children from humanitarian catastrophe, from death, barbarism and ethnic cleansing by a brutal dictatorship."

NATO force is designed to force Milosevic to accept a U.S.-brokered peace plan to provide interim self-rule to the ethnic Albanians who make up 90 percent of Kosovo's 2 million people.

Holbrooke said Milosevic wouldn't even discuss two key points — a cease-fire in Kosovo and Yugoslavia's acceptance of a NATO-led 28,000 member peace-keeping force — which would include 4,000 American troops — to police the deal.

Russian Prime Minister

Yevgeny Primakov, in a dramatic gesture of opposition, canceled plans to visit Washington as the crisis intensified. Primakov was over the Atlantic, en route to Washington, but turned his jet around and headed back to Moscow after Vice President Al Gore refused to promise that airstrikes would not take place.

Russian Defense Minister Igor Sergeev said Russia would step up its combat readiness if NATO attacks, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported. But despite Russia's bluster, Moscow has no effective means to prevent the NATO action.

More than 2,000 people have been killed in over a year of fighting in Kosovo, including hundreds since an October cease-fire Milosevic agreed to but soon violated.

The U.N. refugee agency esti-

mates that 240,000 people are displaced within Kosovo — not counting 190,000 who already have left. It also says 25,000 have been forced from their homes in the last few days as Yugoslav troops and Serb police torched villages and farms.

Milosevic's rejection of Holbrooke's mission was delivered formally Tuesday during an emergency session of the Serbian parliament.

The parliament unanimously adopted resolutions, rejecting NATO troops and expressing willingness to review the "range and character of an international presence" in Kosovo after a political agreement on the province was signed.

The general-secretary of Milosevic's Socialist Party, Gorica Gajevic, told the session: "We are not accepting foreign military

troops on our territory under any excuse and at any price, even at the price of bombing."

"In case war is imposed on us, we will defend from the aggressors with all available means," she added. "And everybody must know that."

Amid the preparations for war, Milosevic sacked his military security chief Tuesday and replaced him with a more compliant ally.

Major European airlines suspended flights into Belgrade on Tuesday and foreign embassies told their diplomats and nationals to leave. The United Nations' refugee agency prepared to evacuate its personnel from war-torn Kosovo.



Associated Press Photo

U.S. envoy Richard Holbrooke in Belgrade early Tuesday after a fruitless meeting with Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic. Holbrooke left Yugoslavia after talks between Milosevic and the West broke down.

President briefs nation on airstrikes against Yugoslavia

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton prepared the American people on Tuesday for an imminent attack on Serb targets, acknowledging U.S. forces would be put at risk. Congress fell in behind him, shelving a move to keep the American troops away from Yugoslavia.

As NATO airstrikes appeared all but inevitable, Russian Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov registered his opposition by canceling a White House visit while en route to Washington. The Russian leader's plane turned around and headed back to Moscow.

"I want to level with you," Clinton said in a speech to a union group and the American public at large. "This is like any other military action. There are risks in it."

But he said that patient American diplomacy had reached a dead end and that Serb troops were terrorizing and murdering civilians in Kosovo. "We have to

take a stand now," Clinton said. "If we don't do it now, we will have to do it later."

The Senate had been scheduled to take a key procedural vote Tuesday on legislation by Republican leaders designed to keep Clinton from using U.S. military power in the Balkans crisis without support from Congress first.

But after Clinton called senior members of the Senate and House to the White House to receive a report on envoy Richard Holbrooke's failure to budge Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic on Kosovo, Senate leaders shifted gears.

"That is a debate for another time. We are at a critical hour," Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a potential presidential candidate in 2000, told the Senate after the meeting. He said with a bombing campaign imminent, it was no time to undermine Clinton's role as commander in chief.

At the White House meeting

and later at a Democratic Senate meeting with members of Clinton's national security team, lawmakers were told to expect the strikes as early as Tuesday evening, according to participants who spoke on condition of anonymity.

They said the attack could be put off until Wednesday, however, depending on weather and certain other tactical factors.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., invited Clinton to appear before a joint House-Senate session after the attack to explain his decisions on Kosovo. Clinton said he would consider it, said House Republican officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Primakov dramatically dissociated himself from a NATO assault on the Serbs, with whom Russia has historic cultural and religious ties. The prime minister's jetliner turned back over the Atlantic as he flying to Washington for a long-scheduled meeting with Vice President Al Gore

designed to strengthen U.S. economic and scientific cooperation with Russia.

According to White House accounts, Gore called Primakov to inform him of the "worsening situation" in the Balkans and the prime minister had the plane turn around and head back to Moscow.

Russia has long opposed any attack on the Serbs even while joining with the United States and four European nations to formulate the self-rule plan for Kosovo that Milosevic rejected.

Primakov may have canceled his visit to avoid appearing to support the attack by being in the capital when NATO struck.

In another sign a NATO strike was imminent, the U.S. Embassy in Belgrade prepared to close down on Wednesday.

"A great tragedy is unfolding here," Richard Miles, the ranking American diplomat in Belgrade, cabled Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, referring to

the shuttering of the embassy. "This does not make any of us happy," Miles said as the 22 remaining American diplomats prepared to evacuate.

Sweden took on a caretaker role, promising to look after any urgent needs of any remaining Americans.

With NATO poised for attack, Albright conferred twice by telephone with NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana and talked separately with Foreign Ministers Hubert Vedrine of France, Robin Cook of Britain and Joschka Fischer of Germany.

Of the NATO air force of 350 to 400 aircraft, fewer than 200 are American, Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said. He did not expect more U.S. planes to be added to the mix of bombers, fighters, refuelers, electronic warfare planes and other aircraft already in Europe to participate in possible airstrikes.

Holbrooke, who in the past brokered a settlement to ethnic

warfare in Bosnia and last October talked Milosevic into a cease-fire in Kosovo, reported the Yugoslav president refused to accept a six-nation plan to end conflict in Kosovo with the ethnic Albanian majority.

He headed for Brussels, Belgium, to consult with NATO leaders. Solana, the NATO chief, already has the authority to order a bombardment of the Serbs. And Clinton, in his speech to the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, all but announced the attack would soon begin.

"If you don't stand up to brutality and the killing of innocent civilians, you invite them to do more," the president said.

While declaring his nature was to shy away from using force, Clinton said, "We have tried to do everything we could to solve this peacefully," but Holbrooke "got nowhere" in his talks with Milosevic on Monday and Tuesday in Belgrade.

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State report urges end to feud over school funding

The Associated Press

COLUMBUS — A report commissioned by the state calls on Ohio's political leaders to stop fighting a court's school-funding ruling and work with educators to find an acceptable solution.

Two newspapers reported on the study which was to be released today to the State Board of Education.

The report by Achieve Inc., an independent, nonprofit, bipartisan organization, says it would take extraordinary will by elected officials to break through the school-finance impasse, but they should do it.

It says the focus needs to be returned to teaching and learning, The Columbus Dispatch and The Cincinnati Enquirer reported.

Former Gov. George Voinovich commissioned the study last November. The report comes as the state prepares to appeal a Perry County judge's finding that the state has failed to come up with an equitable plan to pay for education.

A six-member team reviewed Ohio's newly enacted laws aimed at improving student performance and school district fiscal management.

It found Ohio's academic standards don't provide enough detail to ensure that students learn what they should.

Without clear standards, teachers have no shared mission on what to teach, assessors have no clear idea about what to test, and students get mixed messages about what they're supposed to learn, according to the study.

"There's a lot of confusion about academic standards," Ohio Superintendent of Public

Instruction Susan Tave Zelman told the Enquirer.

"We have to get really clear and explicit about what we want school districts to do," she said.

The report, jointly sponsored by the Ohio Department of Education, the governor's office and the Ohio Business Roundtable, also calls on lawmakers to strengthen accountability by enacting policies to reward successful schools and penalize failing schools.

The report recommends getting national experts to evaluate Ohio's proficiency tests and ensure that they're rigorous enough.

Zelman said she hopes the report will lead to less frustration about mandatory state proficiency tests.

Educators have complained for years that they're forced to teach to the tests, especially because passage on the ninth-grade exam is required for graduation.

"It's wrong that we have teachers say they have to take two to three weeks out of their curriculum to teach to the tests. Curriculum should reflect the tests," Zelman said.

"Teachers don't own this test. They don't see it as an asset to teaching. They see it as a royal pain."

The finding comes nine months after the Ohio Business Roundtable and the Ohio Department of Education released a scathing report on the quality of Ohio's high-school graduates.

That study found that only 7 percent of Ohio's high school seniors have the basic skills required for most skilled, entry-level jobs.

Kevorkian trial begins as jury views '60 Minutes' videotape

The Associated Press

PONTIAC, Mich. — A jury today watched a videotape of Dr. Jack Kevorkian giving a lethal injection to Thomas Youk, the man with Lou Gehrig's disease he is accused of murdering. Kevorkian then failed in his impassioned effort to introduce testimony from Youk's widow.

The trial in the 52-year-old man's September 1998 death, which was taped and seen by millions on "60 Minutes," seemed to be racing toward a swift conclusion today as the prosecution rested its case after calling just three witnesses.

Kevorkian's defense effort, acting as his own lawyer, hit a snag when Judge Jessica Cooper ruled the jury could not hear from Youk's wife, Melody. The judge said Kevorkian was incorrectly trying to get arguments about law rather than presentation of fact before the jury.

The prosecution essentially argued that since mercy killing is not a defense allowed in the murder statute, presenting material to the jury about Youk's suffering would be irrelevant.

Cooper repeatedly urged Kevorkian to let his lawyers represent him. Kevorkian repeatedly declined, and the judge turned aside his request to call the widow.

Kevorkian then told the judge that he wanted to call Youk's brother, who was out of town. The prosecution objected, and the judge sent the jury home for the day so the two sides could argue the matter.

At one point, Cooper, in trying to understand Kevorkian's argument, said: "What you're talking about is mercy killing."

Replied Kevorkian: "You may say it's mercy killing but I call it something else. ... What difference does it make what you call it? It's a medical service for an agonized human being."

If he couldn't give such service, he said, "That's worse than taking my life."



Associated Press Photo

Dr. Jack Kevorkian laughs as he looks back at his lawyer during opening statements in his first-degree murder trial Monday.

Why do you think I don't fear prison? If you made me abjure my responsibility as a physician, that would be worse than killing me, so I don't fear anything else."

Kevorkian is charged with first-degree murder and delivery of a controlled substance. By his own count, he has taken part in more than 130 suicides since 1990. He has been tried four times on assisted suicide charges, with three acquittals and one mistrial.

Earlier in the day today, jurors watched the tape that was seen, in edited form, on the CBS program. It started with Kevorkian interviewing Youk about his illness, which forced him to use a feeding tube and was progressively depriving him of control of his body.

On camera, Kevorkian asks Youk if he wants to go ahead and end his life. Youk indicates he does, and Kevorkian hands him a pen to sign a consent form.

"We'll wait a week and see how you feel in a week. Is that all right with you, Tom?" Kevorkian says.

The tape resumes later. "Are you sure you want to go ahead now?" Kevorkian asks Youk.

Kevorkian then begins preparing an intravenous line for Youk.

"Are you sure you want to go ahead now?" Kevorkian asks.

"We're ready to inject. We're going to inject in your right arm," Kevorkian says. A hand is shown injecting drugs into Youk's intravenous line.

"Now there's a straight line. ... His heart is stopped," Kevorkian says.

After that videotape, jurors were shown a tape of the "60 Minutes" broadcast in which Mike Wallace interviewed Kevorkian, who said he would starve himself to death in prison if convicted.

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Decals intended to ensure good driving

Some, however, debate effectiveness

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON—David Reiner nearly rammed his pickup into a delivery van that braked suddenly on a busy road in Southern California. The van driver glared at Reiner in his rearview mirror, then stomped on his brakes again and again.

Reiner grabbed his cell phone and dialed the toll-free "How's My Driving?" number on the back of the van.

"This driver — I don't know what I did to make him angry — but he kept slamming his brakes in front of me. It almost seemed like he was trying to get me to rear-end him," Reiner of Arleta, CA., told a representative of FleetSafe, a Georgia company that fields unsafe driving calls from motorists nationwide.

Now affixed to hundreds of thousands of 18-wheelers and other commercial vehicles rolling across America, decals that solicit reckless driving complaints can result in reprimands and warnings — and sometimes even pink slips for drivers who accumulate complaints.

Some companies answer their own complaint calls from motorists. Others hire firms like FleetSafe or DriverCheck, both in Atlanta, Safety Alert Network

in Metairie, La., and DriversAlert in Boca Raton, Fla., to collect the comments and compile incident reports.

About a decade old, "How's My Driving?" decals get mixed reviews.

Some truckers and fleet safety officials think they're a good idea.

"I'm not scared of answering to safety," Dan Hallford, a trucker from Montgomery, Ala., said at an Interstate 70 truck stop in Frederick, Md.

Convinced they make drivers more safety-conscious, some insurance companies offer discounted premiums to fleets whose trucks carry the decals. Fireman's Fund Insurance Co. pays for monitoring 30,000 commercial vehicles operated by companies it insures, says Paul Farrell, loss control manager.

And it pays off, he said: "Fleets that use the program have 20 percent fewer accidents."

Others are skeptical.

"I don't think it makes the roads any safer. You get too many people getting mad at truckers and just calling in," said Wallace Harris of Vernon, Ala., who has been driving trucks for 30 years. "People will call in and I will have no way to defend

myself."

FleetSafe could not disclose what, if anything, happened to the van driver who slammed on his brakes in front of Reiner.

To verify complaints, motorists are quizzed about each incident they report.

FleetSafe's call center asked Reiner: What type of vehicle was it? ("A white van.") Was the weather clear and dry? ("A little cloudy.") Was traffic light or heavy? ("Moderate.") His complaint then was faxed to the delivery company, which would decide whether to discipline the driver.

Safety directors at some trucking companies worry the decals give motorists a venue to vent frustration.

Bored motorists with cell phones sometimes call in petty complaints, says Donna Eastman, safety director for LaValle Transportation Inc., of Potsdam, N.Y., which has 50 trucks displaying the company's phone number.

"If a truck passes their car and it's raining and they get their windshield all yucked up, people will call and say 'Well, he was really speeding,'" Ms. Eastman says. "Sometimes you get somebody who has a grudge against a driver and are just call-



Associated Press Photo

A delivery truck bears a phone number to report poor driving. Decals that solicit calls about reckless driving can result in reprimands and warnings.

ing to get them in trouble."

That's the exception, not the rule, says Ken Rees, national sales manager for DriverCheck. He says trucking companies tell him that only a handful of complaints are false, vindictive or invalid.

"Ninety percent of the incidents are caused by only 10 percent of the drivers," Rees said.

"The idea is to pinpoint that small body of folks and change their behavior through counseling and safety programs — before an accident occurs."

More than 90 percent of the drivers are never the target of a complaint, says FleetSafe president Richard Lea.

An estimated 85 percent of the calls concern such things as tail-

gating, improper lane changes, speeding or running stop lights or signs, he says, while 10 percent are compliments and 5 percent report emergencies or other concerns.

7,000 trucks. He says the company, which received 435 incident reports last year, does not usually fire a driver for one complaint.

Alaska warned of avalanche danger

The Associated Press

TURNAGAIN PASS, Alaska — The mountain slopes had danger written all over them before at least four snowmobilers were killed over the weekend in one of the nation's deadliest avalanches.

Eight feet of new snow had been dumped in recent days on top of older, packed-down snow, prompting avalanche warnings from the National Weather Ser-

vice and the U.S. Forest Service. And a warm spring sun had been beating down all day Sunday, raising the danger even higher.

At the same time, hundreds of snowmobilers were powering their machines up the mountainsides to see who could leave the highest track — a practice called "highmarking" that is discouraged not only because the vehicles can roll over but because the combined weight of man and

machine can trigger an avalanche.

"We were nervous as cats because everyone wants to go out in the nice weather," said Jill Fredston, co-director of the Alaska Mountain Safety Center.

In fact, 20 minutes before the deadly slide, a smaller avalanche happened in a gully a short distance away, and it wasn't enough to scare everybody away.

When the big avalanche hit

late Sunday afternoon, the mile-wide wall of snow up to 15 feet deep swept at least six people away. As of Tuesday, four bodies had been found, and about 140 searchers probed the snow for two men.

The missing were identified as Tech Sgt. Victor Jones of Elmendorf Air Force Base and Aaron Arthur, 29, of Palmer.

Joseph Skeete of Anchorage helped recover the body of a friend on Monday.

"At least we found him and didn't have to wait until spring," Skeete said. "That gives the family some closure."

Nine teams of searchers equipped with 10-foot poles were conducting a methodical, foot-by-foot probe of the snow, said to be 30 feet deep in places. A hand-held electronic sensor and a metal detector were also being used to try to find the missing men.

Authorities were also relying

on a jumpy videotape of the avalanche to provide clues about where to look.

That tape, shot by a man standing about a mile away, shows massive slabs of snow breaking loose and sliding down the mountain in a roiling, powdery cloud. The minute-long video shows at least four snowmobilers, mere specks, being swallowed up.

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ALUMNI

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said.

Gardner also said while alumni make their involvement in government known, they are also recognized as speaking for BGSU.

Sometimes, there are some

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influence she has been on him.

"We're not going to ask people to stand up and give a testimonial, but at some point students need to tell their professor why they invited her and how she has influenced them," Krueger said.

The University catered lunch

problems faced only by BGSU, or are felt more acutely. Gardner cited as an example cooperative arrangements between city and campus policemen and issues relating to the University's Canadian studies program, a unique program in the state.

State Senator Bob Latta (R-2)

begins at noon, and Niedzwiecki said he is looking forward to it.

"Everything else I've attended for Women's History Month has been excellent, and I think this will be, too. I wish we had this type of programming all year 'round," he said.

said in the face of term limits, advocates and other active participants in government are invaluable. He said in 2000, nearly 1/3 of the Ohio legislature will be forced to leave because of term limits.

Latta anticipates that legislators facing term limits will not

CERAMICS

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Student Ceramic Organization, said.

He said many people from nearby universities, along with BGSU students, have been attending the workshop.

Amy Halko, a senior ceramic major, said she is excited about having the opportunity to learn

remain for their full eight years, opting to take another job in the public sector.

"I think people will be staying in the legislature for only 3-5 years," he said. "That's why it's so important for people to take an interest in the legislative process."

from the ceramic artists.

At the workshop Halko is looking more for inspiration than art techniques.

"I'm looking to get inspiration out of the workshop and to see how they make art a part of their art-- not just technique," Halko said.

However, Halko stated that the workshop is not just about sculpting and art. She said it is

Latta, whose district stretches from Wood County to Erie County and includes BGSU, said the communication that impacts him the most is from his constituents, but they aren't the only people he hears from.

"We do get letters from parents and students at BGSU,"

Latta said.

Weiss said the legislative advocate program is the second in Ohio. Ohio State University was the first to do it. Steller likes the program, saying it's very effective.

"It beats blanket mailing the state," he said.

today."

The workshop includes print making as well as ceramics.

"It is very interesting for 3-D artists to make 2-D art and to see how they use 2-D art to get to 3-D art," Mencini said.

The workshop and slide show are open to the public. For more information call 372-7764.

Paraguay's vice president shot dead

The Associated Press

ASUNCION, Paraguay — Gunmen assassinated the vice president in downtown Asuncion today, sowing fresh political turmoil in Paraguay's young democracy.

Luis Maria Argana was heading to his office at 8 a.m. when two men in camouflage gear got out of a black car, approached his sport utility vehicle and opened fire.

Radio and television reports said the attackers used sidearms and heavy-caliber weapons in the attack on Paraguay's second highest-ranking official.

The assassination ratcheted up the political tension in a country where President Raul Cubas has been fending off calls for impeachment.

No motive was immediately reported for the attack, in which a bodyguard also was shot and the driver was injured, apparently after being hit by flying glass. The identity of the attackers was not known.

Cubas appealed for calm in a nationwide address, saying "Paraguay and its people are in need of urgency, order, and tranquility."

He later told reporters that three suspects were being sought in Argana's assassination. Cubas also said he was closing Paraguay's borders with Argentina and Brazil for a manhunt and was sending soldiers into the streets to keep peace.

The president had become increasingly isolated in recent months, even within his own party. Cubas appealed to his detractors not to make Argana's killing a political issue.

"I am not considering resigning from office," Cubas said. Referring to his 4-year term that began last August, he added, "I will finish out my mandate."

A senator from the ruling Colorado Party, Juan Carlos Galaverna, said Argana was shot repeatedly. The vice president's bloodied body lay slumped in the back seat of the red sport vehicle before being carried away.

Hundreds of bystanders massed around the roped-off site of the attack, while police with white gloves searched for evidence.

Scores of police and soldiers blocked downtown streets in Asuncion, the capital. Some businesses closed and public transport was temporarily halted.

ed.

Argana was a former foreign minister and president of the Supreme Court under ex-dictator Alfredo Stroessner.

Congress voted last Thursday to begin impeachment proceedings against Cubas, alleging he violated the constitution in 1998 by freeing a jailed general.

Last March, a military tribunal had sentenced Lino Oviedo, a 55-year-old former army chief, to 10 years in prison for trying to oust then-President Juan Wasmosy in 1996.

The controversy over Oviedo's release split Paraguay's ruling Colorado Party, causing a rift between factions led by Argana and Cubas.

Cubas' Colorado Party has a majority in both chambers, but lawmakers aligned with Argana voted with the opposition to pursue impeachment.

Supreme Court head Wildo Rienza on Friday ordered Cubas to send Oviedo back to prison, but the president refused.

Landlocked Paraguay, which returned to democracy in 1989 after 35 years of dictatorship, has no rules laying out a process for impeachment.

OPEC nations cut production to raise prices

The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria—OPEC members unanimously agreed today on a plan to cut crude oil production by 2.104 million barrels a day and to maintain the lower levels of output for a full year beginning April 1.

The group of 11 oil-producing nations approved the cuts in a unified effort with non-OPEC producers to reduce a global oversupply of oil and strengthen prices that had languished at a 12-year low as recently as December.

"The compliance, I am sure, will be 100 percent," OPEC President Youcef Yousfi of Algeria said before OPEC ministers began a formal meeting. "And there is a full determination of all countries to commit to this agreement."

"Smooth sailing" was how Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Saud Nasser al-Sabah described the talks that led to the cuts. "Everyone is happy," he said.

The decision by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to pump less oil will likely cause gasoline prices to rise further, with some experts seeing increases of as much as 10 cents a gallon.

George Gaspar, an analyst with Robert W. Baird and Co., a financial services firm based in

Milwaukee, said the cuts could continue to buoy gasoline prices into the fall when prices typically decline as colder weather makes driving less attractive.

But oil prices were lower today. Brent crude oil futures were trading at \$13.69 a barrel by mid-afternoon on the International Petroleum Exchange in London, down 19 cents from Monday's close but unchanged since the cuts were announced.

Under the agreement, OPEC nations will reduce oil output by 1.716 million barrels a day, Algerian officials said. Non-OPEC producers like Mexico, Norway, Russia and Oman will reduce production by an additional 388,000 barrels a day.

Saudi Arabia, OPEC's largest producer, will slash output by 585,000 barrels of crude a day. OPEC's No. 2 producer, Iran, will curtail daily output by 264,000 barrels, while Venezuela will pump 125,000 fewer barrels of oil a day.

OPEC will evaluate its output levels at the group's next meeting in September and reserves the right to adjust production levels before the full 12-month period ends, al-Sabah said.

"It all depends on how the market reacts," he said, adding that Kuwait hoped to see prices rise to between \$17 and \$18 a barrel.

Saudi Oil Minister Ali Naimi said that the production cuts will be sufficient to raise prices "soon" but declined to specify a time frame.

Price increases are "extremely likely" as a result of the agreement, said Fergus McLeod, an oil analyst at BT Alex. Brown. He predicted Brent prices would reach at least \$16 by year's end.

"If they really stick to this for a year, they could end up forcing up the market more than they intend," he said.

Ishii Yoshiro, an analyst with Japan National Oil Corp., doubted that all members of OPEC would comply fully with the lower production levels. Cheating by members has undermined OPEC's efforts to stabilize prices in the past.

Libya's oil minister, Abdalla Salem El-Badri, said his country has already started to notify customers that it will be producing less crude: 96,000 fewer barrels a day under its share of the cuts.

Iraq wasn't included in the production cuts because its sales are controlled by the United Nations under an oil-for-food deal.

The agreement to decrease production was reached two weeks ago by Saudi Arabia, Iran, Venezuela and Algeria, together with non-member Mexico.

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View
from
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Dan Nied

Duke will cruise to NCAA title

So the NCAA tournament has lost its luster.

Let's call this whole thing off, is this some kind of joke?

Why does Duke even bother playing its games? Isn't that sort of anti-climactic?

Last Saturday, the elite eight - supposedly the eight best teams in the country battling for the right to make it to the final four - battled through tension filled close games with the intensity of a world war.

While Ohio State was fighting with top-seeded Auburn and Connecticut had the bejesus scared out of them by Gonzaga, Duke was whipping the hoot out of the Temple Owls by 21 points.

Why doesn't everyone else just quit? They can't win. At least that's the way it seems.

Who's gonna knock the Blue Devils off? Even their nickname is enough to strike fear in any other final four team.

The Blue Devils.

Let's stop kidding ourselves. When it comes to tough mascots, Duke has got the market cornered. No matter how good you are, you cannot beat a Blue Devil. It's like they're a divine force that is greater than any power that a Spartan, Huskie, or Buckeye can fathom. Who is going to kill the Blue Devils, The Spartans of Michigan State? Not likely. The Ohio State Buckeyes? Please, they're a plant.

But, mascots aside, Duke looks like both the irresistible force and the immovable object. A lineup that includes future NBA stars like Elton Brand and Shane Battier, Trajan Langdon and William Avery. Not to mention the brilliance of Mike Krzyzewski leading them into action.

Everybody knows about the 36-1 record. That their only loss came on a last second tip in by an underrated Cincinnati team. And that each player might as well have a red "S" stamped to their chest instead of the blue "D". But what the law of averages tell us (and these are laws people, they don't lie) is that Duke is bound to have an off day somewhere down the line.

That's when their opponent has to take advantage of an extremely rare opportunity.

The next hopeful to try and tame the beasts from Duke will be MSU. Perhaps if Mateen Cleaves, Antonio Smith and Findlay AJ Granger have the game of their lives, and Head coach Tom Izzo coaches the game of his life, and MSU alumnus Magic Johnson wills the team to victory, the Spartans will have a chance of victory against a faltering Duke team.

But that is still probably not a safe bet.

But let's say that Duke somehow, miraculously beats MSU (like that's not gonna happen) and OSU gets by UConn. Can Scoonie Penn and Michael Redd guide the pride of Columbus to victory?

Again, save your money.

Duke ain't goin' down. At least not this year.

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Sprague does it all

By PETE STELLA
The BG News

For anyone who has ever run high school or junior high school track, we know how difficult and exhausting track meets and track practice can be.

You usually focus on one or two running events and maybe a field event, then you call it a day. Can you imagine what it would be like to practice and compete in 10 events?

Bowling Green track senior Alex Sprague has been living that life during his four years at college. And after his successful indoor season, Sprague now prepares for the last outdoor season of his career.

Sprague originally came to BG to play on the football team as a wide receiver. But after a foot injury and a talk with the track coach, he switched his focus onto track.

"I came to the team as a walk on," Sprague said. "But my freshman year, I got a broken foot and they red-shirted me. The team already had many good receivers and I wasn't really into it. After my foot surgery, I called the track coach and asked him if I could come out for the team and he said yes."

In high school in Defiance, Sprague was a strong contributor to the football and track teams. For his efforts in track, he won the state in the high jump his junior and senior years.

"Alex is extremely valuable. Having a guy with his wide range of ability on your team is tremendous for a small program like Bowling Green."

Sterling Martin
BG Men's Track Coach

"I ran the hurdles, high jump and the mile run in high school but I mainly focused on the high jump," Sprague said. "I first heard about the decathlon in the junior olympics and I thought I would give it a chance."

The decathlon in which Sprague competes is made up of 10 events: 110 hurdles, 100 meter run, long jump, high jump, javelin, shot put, 1500 meter run, 400 meter run, discus and the pole vault. With his wide range of talents, Sprague has become an important part of the Falcon track team.

"Alex is extremely valuable," BG coach Sterling Martin said. "Having a guy with his wide range of ability on your team is tremendous for a small program like Bowling Green. A guy like Alex is a jack of all trades. He is definitely one of the strong leaders of this team."

Sprague was recruited hard by Toledo but he decided to come to Bowling Green.

"Running the decathlon is one of the many reasons I came to BG," Sprague said. "It was a nice school and it is not too far from

home and I also had a girl here, which I don't have anymore."

This outdoor season should be a good one for the Falcons and for Sprague. With the veterans getting the points and the new guys learning the ropes, the Falcons should compete well in the Mid-American Conference. Sprague, however, has a different goal.

"I want to be an All-American this year," Sprague said. "I think I had a good enough indoor season and I hope I can have just as good or a better outdoor season. I see this team being able to get at least fourth in the MAC this year if people come through."

This spring will hope to prove to be a good season for the Falcons and for Sprague. After winning the MAC indoor decathlon a few weeks ago, Sprague and the Falcons are ready to do their own "Dirty Bird" dance.

"We have a chance to be good and I have a chance to go to the college Nationals," Sprague said. "My last year should be a good one and I hope that I can accomplish all of the things that I am setting out to do this season."

Senior overcomes adversity

By MATTHEW P. LYONS
The BG News

When the Falcon gymnastics team takes to the floor at the Mid-American Conference Championship Saturday, at Western Michigan University it will not only be the team's final meet, it will also be the last time Christina Treiber will take the floor in regular season competition.

Christina came to BG in the fall of 1995 from Wauwatosa, Wisconsin where she helped her team to state titles in 1994 and 1995. She also made the Region 4 team in 1994. Christina got her start when her parents enrolled

her in a gymnastics class at the age of three. She also had uncles involved in the sport when they were in college and high school.

Christina has set personal bests in all four years she has competed with the Orange and Brown. In 1997, during the MAC Championship, she tore her ACL during the vault warm-up. Despite that setback she still competed on uneven bars without a warm-up and had the highest finish of any BG gymnast. She faced adversity again this season when an ankle injury during her warm-up on uneven bars threatened to end her senior season early. But, in the fashion of a true leader, she has come back. Christina is one of two Fal-

con gymnasts who have been under two different coaches while at BG. She commented on the change.

"I think the gymnasts now have different attitudes about gymnastics. We definitely have fun, but we have a more serious attitude. We know what we are capable of," said Treiber.

As a result of her injuries, Christina has been a leading force both on and off the floor.

"Christina has had a tough year. She has handled her injury well, and worked hard to come back into the lineup strong," said assistant coach J.J. Tolhurst.

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Senior Christina Treiber practices her routine on the beam earlier this season.

Got em!



Associated Press Photo

Kansas City Royals short-stop Carlos Febles throws to first to finish a double play as Philadelphia Phillies Catcher Mike Lieberthal slides in too late.

CCHA fields four

By DAN NIED
The BG News

After his team was upset by a surprising Northern Michigan third period flurry in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association semifinals, Michigan State head coach Ron Mason suggested an unthinkable scenario for the upcoming NCAA tournament.

"Maybe the CCHA should get five teams in," said Mason of the tournament that only fields 12 teams. "Notre Dame could certainly make a case for themselves."

Mason almost got his wish.

The CCHA will be represented by four teams in college hockey's version of the 'Big Dance': Michigan State, Ohio State, Michigan and Northern Michigan. Notre Dame was left out.

Leading the conference into the tournament will be regular season champion Michigan State. The Spartans will get a bye in the first round as the West's second seed. They will play the winner of Colorado College and St. Lawrence.

Ohio State will serve as the sixth seed in the east and will take on third seeded Maine. Buckeye head coach and BGSU alumni John Markell thinks his team will be prepared even after they lost to Michigan in the CCHA semifinals.

"If we keep playing the way we played against Michigan, I'll be a happy man," Markell said. "We will be winning more games than we lose."

If the Buckeyes handle Maine, they will meet up with second seeded Clarkson.

The CCHA playoff champion Wolverines get the fourth seed in the east. That honor comes with the distinction of taking on Denver in the first round. The winner will have a chance to knock off top seeded New Hampshire.

NCAA tournament play is nothing new for Michigan. The Wolverines have won two of the

last three National Championships.

However, the defending champions say that they will put their recent tournament success behind them.

"Last year was last year," forward Sean Ritchlin said. "We're just happy to have the opportunity to play in the tournament."

Despite the beating they took from the Wolverines in Saturday's CCHA championship game, Northern Michigan was the talk of the league this weekend. Apparently they impressed the NCAA selection committee who rewarded the upstart Wildcats with the fifth seed in the west.

Their heroic third period comeback Friday against Michigan State, the third ranked team in the nation, turned some heads. What made the upset even more impressive is that the Wildcats, from Michigan's upper peninsula, traveled to Notre Dame the week before to battle the Irish in a three game series in the first round of the CCHA tournament.

"I'd be surprised if we didn't get in to the NCAA Tournament," said NMU head coach Rick Comley after the Wildcats loss to Michigan.

Today Comley is not surprised. His team will take on fourth seeded Boston College. However, should the Wildcats get past BC, they would have their hands full with the top seeded, number one team in the country, North Dakota.

Michigan Head Coach Red Berensen believes that the CCHA deserves to have four teams in the tournament.

"I think that the CCHA can certainly make a case for having four teams in the NCAA Tournament," Berensen said. "We'll just have to see how the selection committee votes."

As it turned out, they agreed.

Falcons lose 12-5

The BG News

The Bowling Green Men's Baseball team lost to the Minnesota Golden Gophers 12-5 yesterday. The loss, which completed Minnesota's three game sweep of BG, downs the Falcons

record to 6-8 overall.

BG was led by Lee Morrison, who went 3-4 with a home run and three RBI's, and Kenny Burdine, who went 2-3.

Next up for the Falcons is a road game against the Flyers of Dayton Thursday.

SPORTS

scene

compiled from wire sources

FOOTBALL

Bengals get Groce for a 3 year deal

CINCINNATI (AP) — The Cincinnati Bengals on Tuesday signed fullback Cliff Groce to a three-year contract. Terms weren't disclosed.

The New England Patriots released Groce in December after he had spent just a week with the team. Groce, who had previously been with Indianapolis, was signed by New England as temporary support while starting fullback Tony Carter was sidelined with an ankle injury.

The Bengals obtained Groce in December on a waiver claim and he was on Cincinnati's inactive list for the final 1998 game.

Groce, 26, will be a third-year NFL player for the 1999 season.

The former Texas A&M player entered the NFL in 1995 as a free agent with Indianapolis. He played in 23 games with eight starts for the Colts during the 1995 through 1997 seasons, rushing for 250 yards on 56 carries and catching 13 passes for 106 yards.

OVER THE WIRE

Baerga signs minor league deal

The Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Carlos Baerga agreed to a nonguaranteed minor-league contract Tuesday with the Cincinnati Reds, the second baseman's latest stop in his slide from prominence.

Baerga, 30, was waived by the St. Louis Cardinals on March 17, leaving him to scrounge for a job in baseball. The three-time All-Star with the Cleveland Indians won't have a chance to make the Reds' opening day roster.

The Reds also optioned pitcher Manuel Barrios to Triple-A Indianapolis on Tuesday and reassigned outfielder Damon Hollins and pitcher Mark Thompson to their minor-league camp.

Baerga will join the Reds on Wednesday at their training complex in Sarasota, where a trainer will try to get him in shape. He's had weight problems the last few years.

"He's in bad shape," General Manager Jim Bowden said. "That's why he was released by the Cardinals. He's not in shape at all. He's going to start the year at Indianapolis and we're going to try to get him in shape."

"He's still a young player.

Only a few years ago, he was driving in 100 runs a year for Cleveland, so we're going to give it an effort. It's a no-risk gamble from our perspective."

Baerga has not hit .300 since 1995, when he helped the Indians reach the World Series for the first time in 41 years. The Indians traded him to the New York Mets in 1996, and he finished off a six-year, \$21.4 million contract with the Mets last year by hitting .266 in 147 games.

His steadily declining productivity left him a free agent and dramatically reduced his earning power. He agreed to a nonguaranteed, one-year contract with St. Louis that could have paid him \$1.25 million if he made the club.

The Cardinals were looking for someone to help replace second baseman Delino DeShields, whom they lost to free agency. Baerga went 2-for-15 in six spring training games for the Cardinals, who chose to waive him last week rather than keep him on the opening day roster at full salary.

When they got rid of him, the Cardinals had to pay only 30 days' termination pay amounting to \$163,934.

STANDINGS					National Hockey League At A Glance				
EASTERN CONFERENCE					National Hockey League At A Glance				
Atlantic Division					EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB	Atlantic Division				
Miami	18	6	.750	—	New Jersey	38	22	8	64
Orlando	18	8	.692	1	Pittsburgh	35	22	12	82
Philadelphia	14	11	.560	4 1/2	Philadelphia	32	22	17	81
New York	15	12	.556	4 1/2	N.Y. Rangers	29	32	10	68
Washington	10	15	.400	8 1/2	N.Y. Islanders	20	42	9	49
Boston	8	15	.348	9 1/2	Northeast Division				
New Jersey	5	20	.200	13 1/2		W	L	T	Pts
Central Division					Ottawa	40	20	9	89
Indiana	18	7	.720	—	Toronto	38	27	5	81
Milwaukee	15	10	.600	3	Buffalo	32	23	13	77
Atlanta	15	11	.577	3 1/2	Boston	31	27	11	73
Detroit	14	12	.538	4 1/2	Montreal	28	32	10	66
Cleveland	12	11	.522	5	Southeast Division				
Toronto	11	13	.458	6 1/2		W	L	T	Pts
Charlotte	9	14	.391	8	Carolina	30	27	14	74
Chicago	8	17	.320	10	Florida	26	26	17	69
WESTERN CONFERENCE					Washington	29	35	6	64
Midwest Division					Tampa Bay	17	47	5	39
	W	L	Pct	GB	WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Utah	19	6	.760	—	Central Division				
Houston	17	9	.654	2 1/2		W	L	T	Pts
San Antonio	16	9	.640	3	Detroit	34	30	6	74
Minnesota	14	12	.538	5 1/2	St. Louis	30	29	11	71
Dallas	9	18	.333	11	Nashville	24	39	7	55
Denver	7	18	.280	12	Chicago	21	39	10	52
Vancouver	5	21	.192	14 1/2	Northwest Division				
Pacific Division						W	L	T	Pts
Portland	20	5	.800	—	Colorado	35	26	9	79
L.A. Lakers	19	9	.679	2 1/2	Calgary	27	32	11	65
Seattle	13	11	.542	6 1/2	Edmonton	26	33	11	63
Phoenix	13	13	.500	7 1/2	Vancouver	20	39	11	51
Golden State	10	14	.417	9 1/2	Pacific Division				
Sacramento	11	16	.407	10		W	L	T	Pts
L.A. Clippers	2	22	.083	17 1/2	x-Dallas	43	14	12	98
Wednesday's Games					Phoenix	34	24	12	80
Minnesota at Boston, 7 p.m.					Anaheim	31	25	11	73
Chicago at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.					San Jose	26	28	16	65
Detroit at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.					Los Angeles	27	38	5	59
Indiana at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.					Thursday's Games				
Houston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.					Chicago at Boston, 7 p.m.				
Miami at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.					Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.				
Washington at Seattle, 10 p.m.					Montreal at Calgary, 7:30 p.m.				
Philadelphia at Vancouver, 10 p.m.					Washington at Phoenix, 9 p.m.				
New York at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.					St. Louis at Vancouver, 10 p.m.				
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.									

Wright ready for big season

The Associated Press

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — Jaret Wright spent part of the winter on his surfboard riding the Pacific Ocean waves near his new California beachfront home.

While paddling through the water waiting for the next set to roll in, Wright had time to ponder the lessons he learned during an inconsistent 1998 season.

Last year wasn't a total wipe-out for the Cleveland Indians right-hander, but it certainly wasn't the ride he or the Indians expected, either.

"I learned a lot last year," Wright said.

He entered the 1998 season with high expectations following his stunning storybook performance in the '97 post season. As a 21-year-old rookie, Wright beat the New York Yankees twice in the division series; won Game 4 of the World Series; and became

the second youngest pitcher ever to start a Game 7.

But the demands of being one of baseball's brightest young stars may have taken their toll on Wright as he prepared for his first big-league season last winter.

There were endless off-field commitments — autograph sessions, banquets, talk-show appearances — and enough other distractions to cause him to lose a little of his edge.

So this winter, he stayed closer to home, and in the water.

"After the World Series and getting a chance to pitch a seventh game, a lot more people wanted my time," he said Tuesday after pitching 4 1-3 innings in the Indians' 15-5 win over the Houston Astros. "This off-season I relaxed, worked out and stayed relatively focused. Not that I wasn't focused last year, it's just

a lot more people were calling."

Wright, who signed a four-year, \$9 million contract last October, came to camp this spring determined to become the No. 1 starter the Indians have desperately been seeking, and the No. 1 many feel Cleveland still needs to win a World Series.

"Jaret has been a real marvel to me down here," said Phil Regan, back for his second stint as the Indians pitching coach. "He wants to learn. He wants to be that No. 1 pitcher. He is not satisfied, although he signed a pretty good contract. He really has that desire."

Wright won his first start last year but then went eight more before finally picking up victory No. 2. He finished with respectable numbers — 12-10, 4.72 ERA in 32 starts — but it wasn't what the Indians thought or hoped he could do.



Pitcher Jaret Wright warms up in Spring Training. Wright looks to improve on last season's statistics and get the Indians to the World Series again.

Softball looks to rebuild after rocky start to season

By G. MICHAEL GRAHAM
The BG News

Despite a 3-10 record, Coach Leigh Ross-Shaw's Bowling Green softball team knows it has some things to build on after a 3-5 stint down in Louisiana.

Those things range from a 23 2/3 stretch where the opposition did not score to formidable hitting.

Piling Up Goose Eggs

For 23 2/3 innings during the Louisiana trip, the Falcons did not allow a run. Senior Amy Hamilton threw a nine-inning shutout in the second game (4-0) of the Nicholls State double header after Nicholls State scored one run in the sixth

inning of the first game.

BG then topped Southeast Louisiana 8-0 two days later before allowing five seventh-inning runs in the nightcap.

Hamilton tossed 14 of the shutout innings, while classmate Garrett Gholston threw 7 1/3 of those innings. Freshmen Jessie Milosek and Andrea Genter each saw 1 1/3 and one inning of work during that stretch, respectively.

Hamilton has a team-best earned-run average of 1.21. She threw 25 1/3 innings before allowing an earned run this season. At the plate, Hamilton is tied with Jenny Domschot with five runs batted in.

Zwinck at .500

Through the first 13 games,

junior Erin Zwinck has hit .500 on the season to lead the Falcons. Zwinck hit .588 (10-of-17) in Louisiana. Zwinck also leads the team with an on-base percentage of .571.

Zwinck also went 4-for-4 in a March 12 loss to Illinois State.

Double Domschot Trouble

Sophomore twins Jenny Domschot and Angie Domschot rank second and third on the team with .440 and .348 batting averages. Jenny Domschot also has a team-high .680 slugging percentage.

She was 7-of-15 during the spring trip for a .467 average with three doubles and a home run with a .867 slugging percentage. In the 8-0 win at Southeast

Louisiana March 10, Jenny Domschot went 4-for-4. That was the first four-hit performance by a BG player since May 4, 1996 when Amy Patterson did that against Eastern Michigan.

Also in that game, Jenny and Angie Domschot hit solo homers while Gholston blasted a three-runner in the fourth inning. For all three players, those blasts marked the first of their careers.

Playing Tops in the Nation

Of the first 13 games, Bowling Green has faced seven teams ranked or receiving votes in the national poll.

In Las Vegas, the Falcons battled Oregon (ranked 25th), Pacific (28), California (26) and Hawaii (17).

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In every great leadership team you have one who is very vocal and visible. But you also have the quiet leader. The one who leads quietly, and by example. Christina has taken on that role this year.

Teammate Larissa Oberrecht said, "Christina keeps us focused."

Falcon coach Dan Connolly praises Treiber. "She leads by example, working hard and supporting the rest of the team," Connolly said.

Christina is looking forward to her final MAC championship "We are not going in there thinking we need to have the best meet, we have had to do well. We just need to do what we have done all season long."

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530 E. MERRY STREET
Three bedroom. Limit 4 people. \$670.00 per month, deposit \$670.00. Lease from August 22, 1999 to August 22, 2000 Noon.

HOUSES AVAILABLE 1999-2000
MANY APARTMENT LOCATIONS AVAILABLE. STOP IN THE RENTAL OFFICE FOR A COMPLETE LISTING. WE CAN HELP YOU!

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FACILITY SCHEDULE

SRC Sports Center closed Sat. & Sun., March 27 - 28 for Dance Marathon. Check with Control Desk for available facilities.

AEROBICS

Complete your Aerobics Evaluation this week at the SRC. You input is important to us!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Mark your calendar with these upcoming events:
•Horseback Riding April 10, \$13
•Golf Classic April 23
For more info on special events, please contact Libby at 372-7481.

FITWELL NEWS

Visit the FITWELL as they take their services on the road.
Today, Wednesday • 1 - 4 pm Student Services building
Tomorrow, Thursday • 1 - 4 pm Math Science building
Sign-up for a Fitness Assessment and receive a FREE Personal Training Session!
Call Cathy at 372-2712 for more information on FITWELL programs.

EMPLOYMENT

Summer Lifeguards & Swimming Instructors
Applications available in the SRC Main Office. For more information, call 372-7482.

INTRAMURALS

Intramural Entries Due
• 3-Pitch Softball (Co-Rec) March 24
• Tennis (M & W Singles, Co-Rec Doubles) March 31
Entries due by 3 pm in 130 Perry Field House.
Fall 1999 Practicum Opportunities available in the Intramural Office for Recreation and Sport Management majors. Applications are available in 130 Perry Field House and are due Friday, April 9. Interviews will be held April 12 - 13.
Applications are being accepted for the Intramural Advisory Board for Fall 1999. Pick up an application in the IM office and return it by April 5. Interviews are on a first come, first serve basis April 8 - 9.

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